

Opequon Presbyterian Church



WELCOME! This historic church began worship on these grounds in 1732 and was organized in 1736. We are dedicated to "prayerfully equipping disciples of all generations to be Christ's hands, heart and feet in the world." We are strengthened today by your presence whether guest or member. Go forth, blest and renewed because you were here this day!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

To get the most out of your visit, may we recommend you familiarize yourself with the following:

- **We encourage you to share requests for prayer.** You may do so by completing the pink form found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering.
- **Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving workers!** The nursery rooms are located through the Gathering Area, down the Gallery and through the Dell Room. An usher will be happy to escort you. Our nursery ministry cares for infants and toddlers to age three.
- **Worship Bags are available for children ages 3-kindergarten.** These bags, located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return the bag and supplies to the bin when you are leaving.
- **Look forward to taking part in a Sunday School class each week.** Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. There are classes for all ages and interests.
- **Restrooms and a coat rack** are located off the Gathering Area, just outside the Sanctuary.
- **A water fountain** is located off the Gathering Area.
- **Large-print hymnals, Bibles and bulletins** are available from an usher.
- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher if you would like to use one.
- **Transportation can be provided to worship.** Call the church office, 540-662-1843, before 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 12, 2017

8:30 and 11:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Mettleton"*

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

Please complete the Friendship Folder and pass it along during the greeting.

PRAYER REQUEST forms are inside the pew holders – please place in offering plate.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 472 *Kum ba Yah*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Though we desire righteousness, we cannot attain it.

Though we have every intention to do good, we fall short of our intentions.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is sure good news for us in our need.

Let us worship God who has recognized our weakness and provided for our salvation.

†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

(Please be seated for prayer)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know we cannot rightly cast a stone at anyone.

We cannot rightly condemn anyone, for none of us is righteous, no not one. All of us have sinned. All of us have fallen short of the faithfulness to which we aspire. All of us are in need of your grace.

We confess that our consciences may not be sharp as they should be, their keen edge dulled by rationalization, by indulgence, by delusion. Our motives are often mixed, colored by self-concern

and expediency. We are often more concerned about looking good than with being truly right within our heart. On our own, our struggle is in vain. Forgive us, save us, and help us, we pray.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 441..... *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those next to you)

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *O for a Thousand Tongues*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life, and health, and peace. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20.....Pew Bible p. 163

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5:21-37Pew Bible p. 786

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN..... “A Big Choice!”

Nursery (Ages Infant – Age 3)

† HYMN NO. 444 (Tune-*Amazing Grace*) *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

SERMON..... “But I Say to You...”

Pastor David R. Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Forgiveness*

† THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hymnal p. 35) *The Apostles' Creed*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

† POSTLUDE

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in sanctuary are to thank Pam Orndorff for offering her grace, humor and love on this, the very day of our marriage some 40 years ago, Mitch.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

A member of our Health Ministry Team is available to check your blood pressure after 8:30 and 11:00 am worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 12-19, 2017

TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 8:30 am: Morning Worship
- 9:45 am: Marriage Enrichment—Office Suite
- 9:45 am: Sunday School Classes for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship
- 12:00 pm: Presbyterian Youth Connection—Lunch & Activities
- 5:00 pm: PS 150 Rehearsal—Memorial Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm: Open Door Worship—Memorial Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Monday: LOGOS Leadership Team—1:30 pm—David's Office
Covenant Bible Study—3:00 pm—Bageant Room
Adult ESL—6:00 pm—Assembly Room
Men of Opequon—6:00 pm—Chick-fil-A PVR
7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Mission—9:30 am—Home of the Witts
JWHS Reunion Group—2:00 pm—Bageant Room
- Wednesday: Staff Meeting—9:30 am—David's Office
Staff Luncheon—11:30 am
LOGOS—4:30 pm—Theme: "Love Your Slippers & Socks"
Choir Practice—7:30 pm—Sanctuary
- Thursday: Financial Leadership Meeting—4:30 pm—Bageant Room
Scout Pack 1—7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall
Scout Troop 1—7:00 pm—Assembly Room
- Saturday: Men's Lectio Divina—8:00 am—Bageant Room

NEXT SUNDAY

- Worship—8:30 & 11:00 am
- Sunday School for All Ages—9:45 am
- Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Matthew 5:38-48
- Sermon: "A Higher Calling"
- 90th Birthday Celebration—12:15 pm—Gathering Area
- No Presbyterian Youth Connection Next Week
- PS 150 Rehearsal—3:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Weidele	Art Stanley & Family	Janet Thompson
Connie Robinson	Lauren Armstrong	Sarah Bauwer
Barb Sumner	Gary Snapp	Donna Coffman
Owen Cox	Gretchen Cooley	Rebekah Witt
Art Fulton	Joe Strosnider	Berlin Zirk
Megan Orndorff Huffman	Pam Pierce	Dorothy Rogers
Refugees	Melissa Ambers	Stephanie Fitch
Nancy Budny & Family	Susan Martin	Phyllis Dilley
Dulcie Reed	Nancy Lewis	Sandi Pulizzi
Patty Klinefelter	Carolyn Clemens	Colleen McMurdo
Calvin McCracken	Paulette Willemsen	Jane Lewis
Mandy DiToto	Terry Hartman	Frank Vardeman
Sherry Clark	Hazel Spriggs	Dottie Edwards
John David Ballard Family	Mike Fries	Larry Matthews
Jeanne Cosby	Dick Widell	Doug Koch
Verity Morrow	Cody Monday	Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Jim Ross	Gary Dove	Church Mekane Yesus
Heather Cammer	Gene Fish	People Looking for Work &
Cindy & Lance Weeks	Patricia & Ray Ferguson	Challenged by the Economy

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Taylor McMurdo, Brandon Michael, Greg Sousa, Scott Sydnor, Michael White, and their families.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH:

8:30 am—81

Sunday School—52

11:00 am—138

WORM-TODAY'S WORKSHOP IS...

“LOVE WINS!” All preschool-5th grade children are invited to come be reminded of God's powerful love for us-nothing can separate us from the love of God. There are games galore in store and a gift to make and take home to a loved one. This workshop meets in classroom 4 at 9:45 am.

PYC NEWS

- THANK YOU for your teamwork in getting all the cans of soup counted last Sunday.
- Today, your hands are needed to make some simple VALENTINES for our shut-ins. We will get a little crafty with stencils, paper, stickers, etc. to share some love with members who are dear to us. Stay after worship, enjoy lunch, and have fun around the table as we create Valentines.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

8:30

Acolyte: Ainsley DesMarais
Beadle: Dave Richards
Bell Ringer: Mo Mohler
Greeters: Gail & Dick Crane
Hospitality: Ina & Robert Walker
Liturgist: Edwina Johansen
Ushers: Andrew Crites, Ainsley DesMarais, Zane Hawkins,
Pat Heavner, Dick Widell, Jim Youngblood

11:00

Acolyte: Jonathan Lightcap
Beadle: Robyn Ervin
Bell Ringer: Kristin Blake, Bailey Cooper, AnnMarie Kelly
Greeter: Susie Cherry
Hospitality: Betty Ganoë, Annemarie Matthews
Liturgist: Vicky Astorino
Name Tags: Pat deButts
Ushers: Lucas Brown, Jason Hathaway, Kyle Homan,
Nicholas Hott, Jonathan Lightcap, Bill Robinson

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Today is the first of two marriage enrichment sessions this month with another gathering being held next Sunday, **February 19 at 9:45 am**. The focus today is "Finding Unity in Diversity", learning how to celebrate our differences and similarities. Each session stands alone and thus you can 'pop' in whenever the sessions are convenient for you. Sessions have been great fun for the participants along with gaining insight for even healthier relationships with one another. Come join us in the church office area. These gatherings are for couples of any age or stage! Next week's focus is "Sharing Responsibility and Working Together".

WATTS FUNDRAISER

Joe's Steakhouse at the Piccadilly Mansion will be serving their famous Prime Rib Sunday Brunch Buffet TODAY from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. 25% of the brunch proceeds will be donated to WATTS. Reservations are highly recommended, so please call 540-667-3463.

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
TONIGHT
6:30 pm—Memorial Sanctuary
Teaching & Shared Prayer
Praise Music & Communion

JUST FOR KIDS

Hey kids, be sure to stop by the table near the elevator that is featuring children’s books and movies from our Church Library! There are many choices available. You are welcome to check out any item, take it home to enjoy and then return it when you are done. Checking out an item is so easy. Simply put your name on the card that is towards the back of the item and leave the card in the slot on the table. Happy reading!

MEN OF OPEQUON

We’ll be back at Chick-fil-A this month for dinner tomorrow at 6:00 pm. Spouses are always invited to join us for dinner. Then, we’ll reconvene at the church at 7:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall with a visual and music centered program led by Dan Cammer called, “2016 Travels.” We’ll also share devotions and continue in our planning.

SOUPER BOWL DONATION TOTALS

Thank you for the terrific response to the Souper Bowl collection of SOUP. It appeared much of OPC was pulling for the **Atlanta Falcons** with **338** cans being placed in that pile. The **New England Patriots** had **102** cans placed in their pile. Altogether, the total collection of soup cans was **440**. Just think how many hungry tummies all this soup will feed! All the soup and donations of \$65 were donated to Highland Food Pantry in Winchester. Thank you for participating in this challenge!

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING A 90TH BIRTHDAY!

The family of Burneice Witt invites you to join her in the Gathering Area for a birthday gathering following 11:00 am worship next Sunday, February 19. Burneice will celebrate her 90th birthday the following day on February 20.

We also invite you to bring or send her cards as we shower her with well wishes (400 Clocktower Ridge Drive, Apt. 127, Winchester, VA 22603).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Be a community hero during Red Cross month by donating blood. OPC is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, March 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made by visiting rcblood.org or by registering for a time slot on the form located on the table in the Gathering Area. See Patty Klinefelter with any questions.

Save the Date

“Opequon on the Lawn”

A Spring Mission Festival

Saturday, May 20 11:00 am-4:00 pm

✓ Volunteer

✓ Craft

✓ Bake

✓ Participate

Start Getting Ready Now!

For more information, contact Mike Butler at mbutler57@outlook.com, 540-533-1239 or Graham Taylor gtaylorgofishing@gmail.com, 540-247-4663

4TH ANNUAL OPC TALENT SHOW

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or act? Perhaps you are a juggler, magician or can ride a unicycle. If so, the Fellowship Ministry Team is looking for you! The 4th Annual OPC Talent Show and covered-dish dinner will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at 5:00 pm. It is not too late to sign up in the Gathering Area to share YOUR TALENT. You can also contact Sabra Veach, sveach@su.edu or Becky Proctor, beckyproc@comcast.net. Everyone is warmly invited to participate as a member of the audience. It will be a night to remember so be sure to save the date!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 26 at 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to review the written report to the congregation (available beginning Sunday, February 19), which will include statistical and financial reports, ministry team reports, staff reports, and the 2017 church calendar. The congregation will be asked to elect four representatives to the church's Nominating Committee. Please come prepared to nominate four individuals. In addition, the annual meeting of the corporation – Opequon Presbyterian Church, Inc. – will occur, with a review of the trustees' work in 2016 and a restatement of the purpose and leadership of the corporation. The meeting will be called to order immediately following the closing hymn at the 11:00 a.m. service; the benediction will actually be pronounced at the conclusion of the meeting. We invite those who normally attend the 8:30 a.m. service to return for the meeting, entering the Sanctuary during the singing of the final hymn. The church nursery will be staffed until the conclusion of the meeting so that parents may attend. All active members of Opequon are encouraged to participate in this meeting, exercising both the privilege and responsibility of church membership.

SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY RECITAL

On Sunday, February 26th, students from Shenandoah Conservatory will be presenting a free one hour long recital composed of tango music. This event starts at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and support your local musicians!

RULING ELDERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Lance Astorino Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Mike Birchenough Administration Ministry, Technology & Communications Team
Bill Hopeck Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Lynn Metheny Christian Education Ministry

Class of 2018

Bill Burslem Administration Ministry, Building & Grounds Team
Marc DesMarais Administration Ministry, Stewardship & Finance Team
Vicki Schmidt-Crites Evangelism Team
Graham Taylor Mission Ministry

Class of 2019

Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Robin Owens Christian Education Ministry
Susanna Shade Mission Ministry
Leslie Tucker Worship Ministry

DEACONS

Dom Cafaro Congregational Care Ministry
Terry Hartman Congregational Care Ministry
Brenda Hawkins Congregational Care Ministry
Pam Orndorff Congregational Care Ministry
Stella Strickler Congregational Care Ministry

TRUSTEES

Mitch Orndorff, Chair Class of 2017
Mac McNichols Class of 2018
George Schember Class of 2019

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David R. Witt Pastor
William Heavner Organist
Susan Homan Director of Music
Carole Witt Director of Christian Education
Laurie Carver Nursery Supervisor
Patty Klinefelter Faith Community Nurse
Catherine Richard Office Administrator
Robert Sydnor Sexton

